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POLAND: Strikes and Violence Continue

*Strikers in Gdansk have called for a continuation of their protests today. Soviet and Polish military activity remains at normal levels, and Soviet media commentary has been low key.*

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Western correspondents report that a newly formed strike committee in the Gdansk shipyards has called for a general strike today. Workers from the first shift staged another eight-hour strike yesterday, while riot police surrounded the shipyards but did not intervene. Polish authorities "militarized" the Lenin shipyards yesterday, threatening to court-martial those who refuse to follow orders. [REDACTED]

Protesters and riot police clashed for the second night in downtown Gdansk. There are no confirmed reports of strikes or demonstrations elsewhere in the country. [REDACTED]

Comment: The longer the strikes in Gdansk are allowed to continue, the greater the probability that workers elsewhere in Poland will spontaneously follow suit. The apparent continuing disarray among senior underground Solidarity leaders makes it unlikely that they are willing or able to organize sympathy strikes. [REDACTED]

Soviet Reaction

Soviet and Polish military activity in and around Poland appears normal for this time of the year. [REDACTED]

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Comment: Moscow's reaction to recent developments in Poland has been restrained. The Soviets almost certainly favored the move against Solidarity, but they probably are concerned over the regime's ability to cope with its aftermath. Defense Minister Ustinov's pledge of support to Warsaw in his anniversary message to the Polish Army does not appear to reflect anxiety. [REDACTED]

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